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INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF ISLAMABAD, TEACHERS

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1. SUMMARY: IN VIEW OF GOP VISA POLICY EMBASSY URGES DEPT
TO ADVISE PROSPECTIVE EMPLOYEES OF INTERNATIONAL SCHOOL OF
ISLAMABAD (ISI) OR ANY OTHER ORGANIZATION IN PAKISTAN THAT
THEY SHOULD NOT RPT NOT ENTER PAKISTAN WITHOUT VALID ENTRY
RPT ENTRY VISA.

2. ON 8/1/78 EMBOFF ASKED FOR AND RECEIVED CLEAR STATEMENT
FROM MFA REGARDING GOP POLICY ON U.S. CITIZENS' ENTRY INTO
PAKISTAN. ACCORDING TO MFA, IF USC PLANNING TO STAY IN
PAKISTAN LESS THAN THIRTY DAYS AND PURPOSE OF VISIT IS
PURELY TOURISM, THEN HE/SHE MAY ENTER COUNTRY WITHOUT VISA.
IN SUCH VISA WAIVER CASES, THE USC TOURIST IS NORMALLY
GRANTED THIRTY DAY PERIOD OF STAY (MAXIMUM ALLOWED
WITHOUT VISA). ONLY IN UNUSUAL CIRCUMSTANCES WILL THIRTY
DAY PERIOD BE EXTENDED, AND THEN ONLY FOR A SHORT PERIOD
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OF TIME (LESS THAN ONE MONTH). THOSE WHO ENTER COUNTRY
WITHOUT VISAS ARE REQUIRED RPT REQUIRED TO DEPART
PAKISTAN BEFORE THE EXPIRATION OF STAY GRANTED BY
IMMIGRATION AUTHORITIES. MFA ASSERTS THERE ARE NO RPT
NO EXCEPTIONS TO THIS RULE.

3. ALL USCITIZENS WHO WISH TO STAY IN PAKISTAN LONGER

THAN THIRTY DAYS AND WHOSE PURPOSE IS NOT TOURISM MUST OBTAIN AN ENTRY VISA AT A PAKISTAN CONSULAR OR DIPLOMATIC POST PRIOR TO HIS/HER ARRIVAL IN PAKISTAN. THIS REQUIREMENT APPLIES TO TEACHERS, STUDENTS, EMPLOYEES OF COMPANIES, ETC. ---MFA STRESSES THAT NON-TOURISTS WHO MISTAKENLY ENTER PAKISTAN UNDER VISA WAIVER PROVISION (SEE PARA 2) MUST DEPART COUNTRY AFTER MAXIMUM THIRTY DAYS' PERIOD. IN ORDER TO RETURN TO PAKISTAN TO WORK, STUDY, ETC., THEY MUST THEN OBTAIN AN ENTRY VISA OUTSIDE THE COUNTRY. VISA-ISSUING POSTS NEAREST ISLAMABAD-LAHORE AREA ARE PAKISTAN EMBASSIES IN KABUL AND NEW DELHI.

4. THREE NEWLY-HIRED ISI SCHOOLTEACHERS MENTIONED IN REF (B) HAVE NOT RPT NOT RECEIVED REQUIRED CLEARANCE FROM MINISTRY OF EDUCATION. PAKISTAN EMBASSY WILL NOT RPT NOT ISSUE ENTRY VISAS TO SCHOOLTEACHERS WITHOUT MOE CLEARANCE. DURING PAST TWO WEEKS EMBASSY HAS BEEN IN DAILY CONTACT: WITH MFA OFFICER, MOHAMMED IQBAL, REGARDING MOE CLEARANCES FOR ALICE HILL, MARK FOX AND RICHARD AXTELL AND FAMILY. IQBAL HAS EXPRESSED REGRET THAT MOE HAS TAKEN SUCH A LONG TIME TO PROCESS CLEARANCES FOR FOX AND HILL (AXTELL'S REQUEST IS MORE RECENT). HE POINTED OUT MOST VISA CASES OF U.S. SCHOOLTEACHERS COMING TO PAKISTAN IN PAST YEAR HAVE BEEN PROCESSED EXPEDITIOUSLY.

5. MARK FOX ARRIVED PAKISTAN 7/25/78 WITHOUT ENTRY VISA. HE WAS UNCLASSIFIED

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GRANTED FORTY-EIGHT HOUR TRANSIT STAY IN KARACHI NOT RPT NOT THIRTY DAY VISA WAIVER. HE IS NOW IN ISLAMABAD WITHOUT BENEFIT OF LAWFUL IMMIGRATION STATUS AND MAY BE REQUIRED TO DEPART COUNTRY TO OBTAIN ENTRY VISA.

---EMBASSY HAS REQUESTED THAT MFA TRY TO OBTAIN PERMISSION FOR FOX TO STAY AND TEACH IN PAKISTAN WITHOUT HAVING TO EXIT COUNTRY TO OBTAIN VISA. MFA HAS NOT YET ADVISED WHAT FOX SHOULD DO.

6. ON ADVICE OF EMBASSY, ISI ADMINISTRATION SENT TELEX TO RICHARD AXTELL FAMILY IN MADISON, WISC., TELLING THEM NOT TO DEPART U.S. WITHOUT PAKISTAN ENTRY VISAS.

7. ISI HAS NOT INFO ON ALICE HILL'S WHEREABOUTS OR BIODATA. ISI BELIEVES HILL DEPARTED U.S. 13 JULY AND IS NOW SOMEWHERE IN GERMANY. THROUGH LUFTHANSA OFFICE HERE, EMBASSY IS ATTEMPTING TO CONTACT HILL AND ADVISE HER NOT TO ARRIVE PAKISTAN WITHOUT ENTRY VISA IN ORDER TO AVOID SOME PREDICAMENT FOX NOW FINDS HIMSELF IN.

8. ADDITIONAL INFO ON PAKISTAN VISA ISSUANCE PROCEDURES

WILL BE FORWARDED TO SEPTTEL . WE ARE DOING OUR BEST TO
OBTAIN PROMPT AND FAVORABLE ACTION FROM MFA.
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